REMARKS

Election of Species

Applicants hereby elect claimed invention C (copolymer of ethylene vinyl acetate) which reads on claims 7, 8 and 9.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-35 are pending. Prosecution on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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